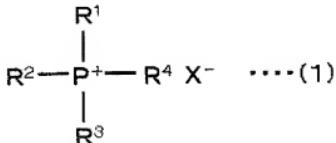


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A method of improving an antistatic characteristic of a resin, comprising:

adding an antistatic agent into a resin to increase an antistatic characteristic of the resin, the [[An]] antistatic agent for resins, containing phosphonium salts represented by the general formula (1):

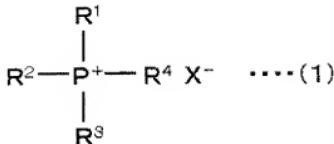


(wherein R¹, R², and R³ are each a straight-chain or branched alkyl group having 3 to 8 carbon atoms, and R⁴ is a straight-chain or branched alkyl group having 10 to 22 carbon atoms; each alkyl group may have substituted hydroxy group or alkoxy group; R¹, R², and R³ may be the same or different from each another; and X⁻ is a tetrafluoroborate ion or a hexafluorophosphate ion).

2. (Currently Amended) The method of The antistatic agent for resins according to Claim 1, wherein the phosphonium salt is tri-n-butyl-n-hexadecylphosphonium tetrafluoroborate.
3. (Canceled)
4. (Currently Amended) The method of The antistatic agent for resins according to Claim 1, wherein the residual halogen is 500 ppm or less.
5. (Currently Amended) The method of The antistatic agent for resins according to Claim 1, wherein the resin antistatic agent is a[[for]] thermoplastic resin[[s]].

6. (Currently Amended) The method of The antistatic agent for resins according to Claim 5, wherein the thermoplastic resin antistatic agent is a [[for]] polyamide resin[[s]] or for polyester resins.
7. (Currently Amended) The method of The antistatic agent for resins according to Claim 1, wherein the resin antistatic agent is a for-thermoset resin[[s]].
8. (Currently Amended) The method of The antistatic agent for resins according to Claim 7, wherein the thermoplastic resin antistatic agent is a [[for]] polyurethane resin[[s]] or an [[for]] epoxy resin[[s]].
9. (Currently Amended) A method of improving an antistatic characteristic of an An antistatic resin composition, comprising:

mixing containing a resin and phosphonium salts represented by the general formula (1):



(wherein R¹, R², and R³ are each a straight-chain or branched alkyl group having 3 to 8 carbon atoms, and R⁴ is a straight-chain or branched alkyl group having 10 to 22 carbon atoms; each alkyl group may have substituted hydroxy group or alkoxy group; R¹, R², and R³ may be the same or different from each another; and X⁻ is a tetrafluoroborate ion ~~or a hexafluorophosphate ion~~, to increase an antistatic characteristic of the resin.)

10. (Currently Amended) The method of The antistatic resin composition according to Claim 9, wherein the phosphonium salt is tri-n-butyl-n-hexadecylphosphonium tetrafluoroborate.
11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) The method of The antistatic resin composition according to Claim 9, wherein the amount of the phosphonium salt compounded is 0.01 to 50 weight parts per 100 weight parts resin.
13. (Currently Amended) The method of The antistatic resin composition according to Claim 9, wherein the resin is a thermoplastic resin.
14. (Currently Amended) The method of The antistatic resin composition according to Claim 13, wherein the thermoplastic resin is a polyamide or a polyester.
15. (Currently Amended) The method of The antistatic resin composition according to Claim 9, wherein the resin is a thermoset resin.
16. (Currently Amended) The method of The antistatic resin composition according to Claim 15, wherein the thermoset resin is polyurethane resin or epoxy resin.
17. (Currently Amended) The method of The antistatic resin composition according to Claim 9, wherein carbon material is further contained.
18. (Currently Amended) The method of The antistatic resin composition according to Claim 17, wherein [[the]] carbon nanotubes are contained as the carbon material.
19. (Currently Amended) A method of improving an antistatic characteristic of a An antistatic resin-molded product, comprising:
molding wherein the antistatic-resin composition of Claim 9 is molded.